

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach for fairly suggest the a multiple modulus selector having a modulus recoder for generating a first selection signal, a modulus selector for generating a second selection signal, and a multiplexer for receiving inputs -M, 0, M, and 2M and selecting one of the inputs based on the first selection signal in an integer modular multiplication mode and selecting one of the inputs based on the second selection signal in a polynomial modular multiplication mode as recited in claim 2; or a multiple modulus selector for selecting one of -M, 0, M, and 2M as a multiple modulus in an integer modular multiplication mode and selecting one of 0, M, and 2M as a multiple modulus in a polynomial modular multiplication mode to output a multiple modulus accumulation indicating signal as recited in claim 12; or a booth recoder having a first selector for generating a first selection signal, a second selector for generating a second selection signal, and a multiplexer for receiving first inputs -M, 0, M, and 2M and selecting one of the first inputs based on the first selection signal in an integer modular multiplication mode and receiving second inputs 0, A, and 2A and selecting one of the second inputs based on the second selection signal in a polynomial modular multiplication mode as recited in claim 17

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis, Jr. A. Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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